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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from November 9, 2004 to February 9, 2005.